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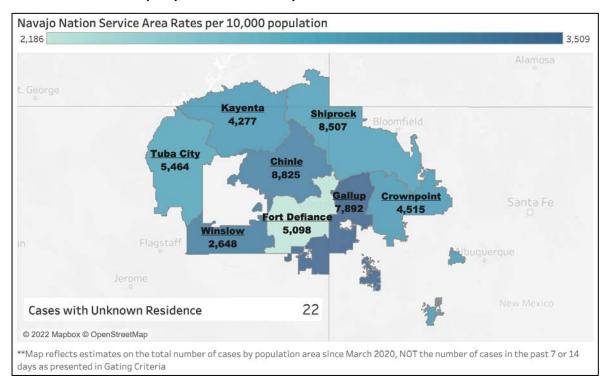
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## 500 new cases, 42,677 recoveries, and one death related to COVID-19



**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** – On Friday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 500 new COVID-19 cases for the Navajo Nation and one recent death. The total number of deaths is 1,603. The report indicates that 42,677 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. 457,959 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The overall total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 47,248, including 105 delayed reported cases.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

Chinle Service Unit: 8,825

Crownpoint Service Unit: 4,515Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 5,098

• Gallup Service Unit: 7,892

Kayenta Service Unit: 4,277

Shiprock Service Unit: 8,507
Tuba City Service Unit: 5,464
Winslow Service Unit: 2,648

On Friday, the state of Arizona reported 18,034 new cases, Utah reported 11,601 new cases, and New Mexico reported 6,198.

"Navajo people are strong and we know what we have to do to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our homes and our communities. Our health experts continue to provide us with the guidance and resources, but we have to act on it and do everything possible to ensure our health and safety. If you have to go into public places, wear two masks, use hand sanitizer, and do your best to avoid person-to-person contact. Get vaccinated and get your booster shot, our health facilities have made them widely available to all eligible individuals. We have to keep fighting hard and keep our guard up at all times. Just as our elders have told us many times before, the safest place to be is at home," said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

Health care facilities on the Navajo Nation continue to administer COVID-19 vaccines. If you would like to receive one of the COVID-19 vaccines, please contact your health care provider and schedule an appointment.

"If you're sick, please stay home, isolate yourself, and take precautions as you get tested. If you are required to travel for urgent personal matters, please be very cautious and take extra precautions. We are in this together and we must continue to support one another and keep praying for our people, our frontline workers, and those who are fighting the virus," said Vice President Myron Lizer.

For more information, including helpful prevention tips, and resources to help stop the spread of COVID-19, visit the Navajo Department of Health's COVID-19 website: <a href="http://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19">http://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19</a>. For COVID-19 related questions and information, call (928) 871-7014.

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<sup>\* 22</sup> residences with COVID-19 positive cases are not specific enough to place them accurately in a Service Unit.